

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT  
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**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**Please enter the following amended claims:**

4. (Amended) A bi-stable microswitch according to claim 2, wherein the second section of the armature is at least partially formed of invar.
5. (Amended) A bi-stable microswitch according to claim 1, and further including a first heating device formed on or proximate the armature.
6. (Amended) A bi-stable microswitch according to claim 5 and further including a second heating device formed on or proximate the magnetisable element.
7. (Amended) A bi-stable microswitch according to claim 6, wherein one or more of the first and second heating devices includes an electrical resistance element.
8. (Amended) A bi-stable microswitch according to claim 1, wherein heat is applied to at least one of the armature and the magnetisable element by means of electromagnetic radiation.
10. (Amended) A bi-stable microswitch according to claim 1, wherein the magnetisable element is at least partially formed from a NiCu alloy, the composition of the alloy being adjusted to set the first temperature.

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14. (Amended) A bi-stable microswitch according to claim 1, wherein the armature comprises a cantilever overhanging the pair of contacts.

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